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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I am a consumer who supports broadband competition.

I say No to price hikes that will increase the cost of the internet and telephone services and make service even less affordable for households.

It should be a mandate that everyone have access to the internet and telecommunication either for free or at least for an affordable price.

Many households today cannot afford the rates even as they are now. If rates go up, children can't do their homework at home, homebound seniors can't order many necessary products or services on the internet to be delivered to their home, etc.

I have fiber and telephone service today with Sonic and previously had DSL. Fiber with Sonic as well as their customer service is superior in quality and price.

Local broadband is critical for all communities, especially vulnerable isolated communities that otherwise would not be serviced by the larger corporations.

Thank you for your consideration,

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